

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
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Michel GARRAIT et al.)
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Serial No.: 09/350,152) Group Art Unit:
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Filed: July 9, 1999) Examiner:

For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF
HYDROXYMETHYLBUTYRIC ACID

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attention:

BOX MISSING PART

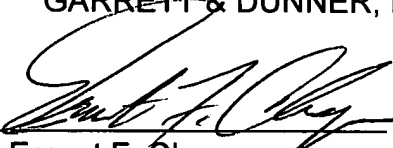
Sir:

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO RESPOND TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**

Applicants hereby petition for a TWO(2) month extension of time to
respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated August 4, 1999.

A check in the amount of \$380 is enclosed. This amount represents the
extension fee for filing the Response To Notice To File Missing Parts within
TWO(2) months following the expiration of the due date. If there are any other
fees due in connection with the filing of the Petition or Response, please charge
the fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,
FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

By: 
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Dated: December 6, 1999
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Enclosures

